THIS COMING YEAR TO DECIDE FUTURE

To Be Greatest for Good or fault. Evil, Says Sir Philip Gibbs.

NEW SPIRIT IN WORLD

Old Hatreds Abating. Passionate Unreason Vanishing and Trade Reviving.

NORMAL CONDITION NEAR

Settlement of Irish. German and Russian Questions Hope of Nations.

By SIR PHILIP GIBBS.

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to establish a world court of Justice

but pediantic stupidity in such on he financial credit of the reliip as that of De Valera, and United States and Britain, would find Lenine showed himself more of a realist than De Valera, for seeing at last closers and between the Ambassadors complete and ghastly follure for his theory, he has now abandoned communism and announced his retreat from that system with brutal candor. How at this season of the year, this of peace and at this time in the world's history, when we must have peace or perish, men like De Valera, who is not without nobility and faith can reject a fair offer of conciliation and equal partnership with Britain and equal partnership with Britain is a sad mystery hard to imderstand. Nevertheless, I believe that whatever happens to delay this settlement, it is to so through as one of the promises of this new year.

The next great promise is the se-cret of Washington. The first results cret of Washinston. The first results of the Washinston Conference have been splendid, have already postponed, if not entirely destroyed, one great menace of war, besides relieving millions of working folk from new burdens of taxation which would crush them under a frightful competition in naval armaments. But like most people I meet I cannot believe that this first step in world reconstruction will not be followed by other steps equally impartant and desperately necessary to our moneral recovery. That is the really big chance of the new year, a second step in the direction of land discrements and a new pact of peace among the nations preceded and indeed governed by economic decisions.

Limitation of Armament.

It is now clear to most thinking minds that great armies and navies are maintained not for purposes of the maintained not for purposes of the maintained not for purposes of the splending post of purposes of the maintained not for purpose of the

minds that great armies and navies are maintained not for purposes of pomp and glory, as in the old days, but mainly as insurance against fears, reasonable of racial rivaley in commercial and industrial sunremacy Or. In a more primitive way of lesing the means of national existence. These fears govern all political arguments, even those of the United States who has less to fear than mose other nations of the world at the present time, it is, to be quite from the fear of heing cut of from the vital mends of mational life that was behind all the arguments of the Delika representatives at Washington on the author of the presentatives at Washington on the author of the presentatives at Washington on the author of the presentatives at the force of the force of the force of the survey of the presentatives at Washington on the author of the presentative ways that report. These fears govern all collected washington on the author of the presentative of the force of th

African colonies, which they purpose to use as a recruiting ground for black roops, see that their best weapon of They have no aggressive intentions, but they cannot put out of their minds as yet the posibility that their national existence may be threatened again by Germany n combination with Russia or that hey will have to put military pressure on Germany to avoid their own ault. In that case, Great Britain and in that case their submarines

ould be very useful. There is something brutal in stating the case so clearly, but people who are trying to avoid world calamities must be brutal in their investigation of the causes of calamity.

Russia, for instance, has a standng army of a million men or there-bouts, with four million more in ree. Nothing would please the Ru rulers better than to demobili those men. But they are afraid of the Polish army of six hundred thousand, and afraid of revolt and anarchy from ithin. The Poles keep their army i being for the same reason. They are afraid of Russian attacks inspired by desire to get back the means of ecoomic life and establish by force trade of these fears are, in my opinion, fan-tastic bogeys at the present time, for Germany is totally incapable of military aggression or resistance; Russia s ruined and starving, with broken ransport and no reserves of any kind, and needs peace above all things for eed of submarines in the near future not in the distant future if she modiies her European policy by some few iin, which depends for life on the re-

Nevertheless, so tons security in the of the maguey (agave americana) It is Washington's great chance in plant.

this new year to lead the way to the throttling of these fears. I believe t Harding and Hughes have the courage to hunt those bogeys to their lairs, and

or absolute guaranties of Russian de- other native races. will which was almost unanimous, mobilization of her armies and propabetween England and Ireland Foland would disarm and that there fortunes in the manufacture and sale of s been raised by their irrec- would be no interference with the in-attitude, but it makes one ternal politics of Russia, provided they ture and the progress of human so- political liberty to their people-an For if the Irlsh people were offer which. I believe, would be acee and good will and actually misery in central Europe would be

all of us to expect any improve- English households the wheat for one ment in the relation between other came from Russia. Germany would be natives during the centuries of oppresnations and all great efforts like the able to pay more in reparations if she ston suffered by them after the Spanish Washington conference, all attempts had American and British capital in establish a world court of Justice coperation with her industry on beinternational councils of peace will half of Russia. With renovated transdown before primitive passion and port systems Russia would be able to clai vendetta. ber, furs, bides, oil and grain.

The demobilization and recovery of ussia and Poland would help the Baltic nations and all of the rest of the rest of which we see a sign and a more and all of the rest o in their desire for self-govern-in spite of their methods of warwhich I loathed, but I see noth- many, dependent for her good be-

That is my little pet theory for the of sour, diluted skimmed milk and the

deep anxieties.
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EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF MOVIES SHOWN

Columbia Reports on Experiment With 500 Children.

DISEASE, SAY DOCTORS

porting. If our trade routes were cut every Efrail-binner, Westleman and Scot would starve to death after three months. The German U-bont war was unsheaded by all sorts of permenths. The German U-bont war was unsheaded to not more than the mous damage to our merchandles and put our home folk on short rations. It is therefore reasonable and natural that we should propose total abolition of submarine warfare.

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The seems that the very metals from which the coins are made act to destroy the bacteria which reach the coins."

OBREGON GIVES HOPE FRENCH SLANG HAS EDGE TO PROHIBITIONISTS

Considers Plan to Put End to Native Intoxicants by Killing Source.

WEEK END TRIAL FAILS

Mexico's Situation Has Elements Like Dry vs. Wet Fight in America.

Pulque Takes Beer's Place and Mescal and Tequila Are Most Intoxicating.

Special Correspondence to THE NEW YORK MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 26 .- Prohithat they were on the high road toward making Mexico as "dry" as the
United States, but met with disappointment, are again full of hope because of President Obregon's announced interest in a plan to put an
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bling alcohol or Mexico's other famous
intoxicant, tequila. It is highly intoxicated the single intoxicant, tequila, is not pleasant to the taste, except to those who
beverage. Tequila has a fascinating
faste, and for this reason is described as
the siren of Mexican beverages.
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Pulque and mescal are two potent native alcoholic drinks which are blamed for much of the misery of the poor. It is asserted that pulque dein, pulque and mescal threaten to destroy the Mexican people in the lower walks of life, particularly those who walks of life, particularly those who are descendants of the Aztecs and the defense of mescal that "tonic" in the defense of mescal. That "tonic" generous terms in return are descendants of the Aztecs and

and based with a sessociation on relieved.

Not rapidly, alas, but surely. Bespies preferring war for a for the war Russia imported 70 per cent. Second for peace with real self-govern of the manufactured goods. Now the and buried to friend-hip or happens, then it is useless of us to expect any improve
Tenglish households the wheat for office and mescal say that these drinks, or pulgue at least, were the solace of the natives during the continued manufacture of pulgue and mescal say that these drinks, or pulgue at least, were the solace of the natives during the centuries of oppositions.

Pulque Is Called a Tonic.

ON THE ENGLISH, HE SAYS

Language Teacher Can't See Anything Clever in Translating Babe Into Bambino as in Case of Mr. Ruth.

which has been improved but little since its invention, according to Dr. Clarence

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31.—French slang called a left handed pitcher a southpaw had a real idea. Likewise to say a pitcher has a glass arm is clever and

o devise a way of preventing the peon undisturbed throughout the Obregon as in the interior from tapping the maguey ministration.

this work of destruction would necessarlly continue for years, as young planse spring from the roots of old. As to up-rooting all of the wild plants containing aguantlel, that, it is said, would be undertaking to achieve the impossible.

Mescal Is Highly Intoxicating.

Mescal is a distilled liquor, entirely ifferent in appearance and taste from ulque. It is a colorless liquor, resemiling alcohol or Mexico's other famous

to hunt those bogeys to their tairs, and it will be good hunting. In my belief the key to the whole situation of cities, which ruled in Mexico for world peace now is in Russia. I have belief for three years, and beld that belief for three years, and in a mystery of a disappearing race like the distillers of the United States, where brewers saw more virtue in their warse than in the warse of distillers.

Like the distillers of the United States, where brewers saw more virtue in their warse than in the warse of distillers. that has become one of the great rid- the mescal manufacturers of this coundies of history it is also asserted that try are not disposed to tamely submit

fortunes in the manufacture and sale of pulque and mescal. These say that while it is probably true that the Toltecs made pulque from the maguey plant there is no real proof that the Toltec race was destroyed by too free use of the beverage.

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After this reform had been put into ffect, hotels and restaurants co sell wines and liquors to their well to frequenters. This caused bitter comaint from the saloon men, who harged that they were forced to shut feir doors on their days of greatest offit so as to enable rich hotel men much, say minist

swell their profits.

Efforts were then made to prevent St. Louis Committee to Meet

"Has somebody handed you a lemon" "Has somebody handed you a lemon? That's an ancient bit of slang. Likewise Cleveland public schools. The French slang is more suggestive and more picturesque; it's clever—which English slang often isn't. Dr. Stratton said.

"Take the case of George Ruth, the world's champion home run hitter, for instance," the director continued. "To call him Babe and then to translate Babe into Bambino—there's nothing clever in that. But the man who first

It is said that it would cost many illinons to destroy the commercial fields of maguey as they now exist, and that work of destruction would necessation. among brewers and distillers as to which

There are rich brewers, rich distillers, rich makers of puique and rich manufacturers of other beverages. Each of these sees dignity and public service, as well as profit, in his own line, but is not disposed to see anything more than

cording to American ideas. Both of these dangerous liquors retail here at ten cents a glass or less, mescal being conconsiderably less in many places.

Pulque manufacturers say that referrers should aim their blows at mescal rather than pulque, but here again is a reminder of the old discussion in the United States preceding problem.

impressive manner in which they dress their arguments and their propaganda. It would surprise some dear old ladies in the United States probably to learn 'century plant" is no other than the wicked agave ameri-cana, which yields the juice from which pulque and mescal are made. It is known under many names, among which

ray of reformers and leave the pulque manufacturers undisturbed.

There is much to be said, they say, in the defense of mescal. That "tonic" where the plants grow wild. On the virtue is not absent from mescal, if the word of the makers is true. century" flowers.

WATER POWER LEAGUE SENDS OUT QUESTIONS Opinions Asked on U. S. Aid for Meeting Next Month.

Plans for the development of water ower which will be best for the country s a whole will be discussed at the an uni meeting of the Water Power te of America at the Engineering cincles Building, 22 West Thirty-ninth street, February 2 and 8, Question-test, February 2 and 8, Question-

thoughts was to prohibition in Mexico. His theory was that by making a moderate beginning the could steadily advance, holding the ground taken and slowly embracing more.

Week End Prohibition Tried.

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Included among those expected to the development of power projects and other questions similar in character. The answers will be considered at the coming gathering. Included among those expected to considered at the coming gathering.
Included among those expected to attend are Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Samuel Gompers, Gov. Miller, former Gov. Smith, Prof. L. P. Breckenvidge of Yale, former Senator Theodors E. Burton, Walter W. Pollock, a taxation expert of Philadelphia, and the Governors of Penensylvania, Arkansas Michitan, Idaho, Mississippi and West Virginia.

MUCH, SAY MINISTERS

Undertakers.

This caused a storm of opposition. This was joined by many of the active reformers, whose support was the attended to the provisional government. These reformers believed in all reforms excepting prohibition which extended to the laces in which they spent their hours of leisure. And their influence, added to that of the cantina owners, ended to the cost of the cantina owners, ended to the cost of the cantina owners and the cost of the cantina owners and the cost of the cantina owners. Th

GERMANS ADOPTING **AMERICAN SPORTS**

Boxers From United States Find Rich Pickings and Easy Bouts.

FOOTBALL OUSTS DUEL

Civilians as Well as Military Engage in Games, but Apart.

ALLIED CONTROL FORBIDS

Workers Suspleious of Middle

Class Clubs, but Have Many

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It is play and pay to see for the fun of the

Mensur, the old formal duelling, and a gymnastics, the only purpose of which was to give athletes a chance to display their muscles, are giving way to football and track sports. If the Hohenzollerns hope to win their way back to the hearts of the German masses they must discard their plumed helmets and shining armor and come back in football togs. The young princes must make a hame in races or track meets and show a willingness to rub chows with the crowd at the races and themselves take part in track meets. As long as exercise meant drill, some-Mensur, the old formal duelling, and for injuries.

as long as servise meant arm, some-ning connected with duty, German outh did it because they had to, and cled then to offset the effects by over-sting and drinking and complete inertia ut of hours. Their distante for sports egan in the schools, where they had

German universities had a way of

fifteenth century ideals of honor. Only

They became and still are entangled in political prejudices. The burgers have their turnvereins and the workers have theirs. Under no circumstances would they think of contaminating each other by having a meet. Indeed the workers are more exclusive, insisting that members have union cards and in some clubs that they be members of Socialist parties.

Atmosphere of Democracy.

The fall of the Hohenzollerns, the end of universal service and the gradual appead of democratic ideas has created an atmosphere for the kind of sports

duelling could thrive in this atmosphere, and this could be defined as blood letting intimately connected with much smoke, more beer and mostly formality.

Such sports were marks of social superiority and never a pastime. To be sure, tennis had begun to come in, but it was made more a rendezvous and tearoom than a sport.

The only organization where physical exercise held sway were the turnvereins, gymnastic societies, such as those in the middle West in America. But these, too, were crippled by the efforts of political parties and the Government to nationalize and particularize them. They became and still are entangled in political prefudices. The burgers have their turnvereins and the government to the following the first in to see the same. They have enormous vereins of their own, totalling some two million members. Arriving in Dresden amillion members.

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To-morrow, Mr. Cles stated, he wfll address the city policemen and "give them hell." Lust night he held a banquet for the City Council, at which he proposed a campaign of economy which includes proposals for reducing the police and fire departments.

The letter to the underworld says: "I am going to give you this week's grace because I feel down in my heart that it would be a shame to pull you all in and take the last dollar from you in fines and fill our jalls to over flowing."



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